Clearance to irrigation projects to Maharashtra

911. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) the details of plans for the major and medium irrigation projects submitted by the Maharashtra Government during the last two years;

(b) what are the details of their irrigation potential;

(c) what are the projects, among them, which have been cleared; and

(d) what programmes have been drawn up for implementation of the approved projects and their progress?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (d) Three major and one medium irrigation projects were received during the last two years i.e. since January, 1988 from the Government of Maharashtra by the Central Govt., project wise details are given below: —

Name of the Project	Ultimate Irrigation Potential
(i) Lower Wunna Major Irrigation Project	28,820 Hectares.
(ii) Punnad Major Irrigation Project	10,846 Hectares.
(iii) Biwanthadi M major Irrigation Project	57,120 Hectares.
(iv) Bordehgaon Medium Irrigation Project	2,200 Hectares.

None of these four projects has so far been given Investment Clearances.

Opening of new Navodaya Vidyalayas

912. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

SHRI DAVID LEDGER:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 817 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd May, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the names of places where Navodaya Vidyalayas have been opened in the country as on 28th February, 1990;

(b) whether Government propose to set up such more Vidyalayas during current year, to mark the celebration of 'International Literacy Year' in a fitting manner;

(c) if so, what are the names of places where such schools are proposed to be set up, State-wise; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) A statement is attached. (See Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 37).

(b) to (d) Government have decided to review the Navodaya Vidya-laya Scheme and not to open any more schools pending this action.

Sale of ancient coins of National Museum

913. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of ancient Coins have been smuggled out of National Museum for sale to San Fransisco Museum in U.S.A.;

(b) *if* so, what action has been taken in the matter;